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As Election Day, Oct. 4, draws near, all eyes are on Lake and Peninsula Borough residents, who will decide whether they should have a say in large-scale mining development in their region. The Anchorage Daily News has been airing a lot of opinions on the matter, including a recent trio of op-eds.

Jason Metrokin, CEO of Bristol Bay Native Corporation, says the Pebble mine does not have the support to move forward. "This is not the squeaky wheel minority opinion but rather an expression of the vast majority of individuals and organizations who are the true stewards of the land, water and resources," Metrokin wrote. At the same time Paul Jenkins continues his pro Pebble rants by trying to cast opposition to it as the stance of one man, rather than the broad, national and bipartisan coalition that's united in protecting Bristol Bay.

In the United Kingdom, former workers are suing Pebble parent Anglo American for past health and safety failures that resulted in debilitating lung disease. Alaska residents and people around the country continue to write media publications with their concerns about and opposition to Pebble. And, a Seattle area blog that's well regarded by policymakers calls the Pebble fight, "one of this generation's signal conservation battles."

Here is a roundup of recent media. For more information go to [www.SaveBristolBay.org](http://www.SaveBristolBay.org)

Bristol Bay headwaters no place for Pebble

Jason Metrokin, BBNC

Anchorage Daily News

Bristol Bay Native Corp. is a billion-dollar economic engine with a 40-year history of responsible development. In 2007, more than two-thirds of BBNC shareholders opposed the proposed Pebble mine project -- a number assuredly on the rise... [Click here to read more](#)

Does initiative take science into account?

Chuck Hawley

Anchorage Daily News

Radio and television personality Shannyn Moore asks regarding the Pebble project: "Why shouldn't residents of the borough (Lake and Peninsula) have a voice? It's their destiny at stake."... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble's foe going all out to discredit mine efforts

Paul Jenkins

Anchorage Daily News

Truth bites the dust first in war. So says Sen. Hiram Johnson or the Greek guy, Aeschylus -- take your pick. Truth croaked early in the Pebble project bloodletting... [Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay is vital to American economy

James Wilcox

The Olympian

Thank you for reporting Sen. Maria Cantwell's commitment to protect the Bristol Bay, Alaska, watershed if the science says it's the right thing to do... [Click here to read more](#)

South African Miners sue Anglo American in UK over lung disease

AP

Washington Post

A London law firm said Wednesday it has launched legal action in Britain's High Court against mining company Anglo American on behalf of South African miners suffering from lung disease... [Click here to read more](#)

Ballots in the mail on Pebble mine Issue

Fishermen's News Online

Ballots sent out in mid-September to 1,192 registered voters in Alaska's Lake and Peninsula Borough are asking them to decide by Oct. 4 whether they favor or oppose a campaign to halt development of the Pebble Mine in Southwest Alaska... [Click here to read more](#)

Feedback from the issue of 9.22.11

Anchorage Press

It was disappointing to see Mike Dingman dismiss the debate over the proposed Pebble Mine as an overly politicized issue on which no Alaskan should yet have an opinion ("Politicizing Pebble," September 15). Considering that both Native culture and world-class commercial and sport-fishing are at stake, only the foolhardy would wait until the permitting stage to consider the risk of catastrophe... [Click here to read more](#)

Midday Scan: Tuesday's top stories around the region

Pete Jackson

Crosscut

One of this generation's signal conservation battles centers on Alaska's proposed Pebble mine: "One of the most controversial development projects in Alaska history," writes Sean Cockerham of the Anchorage Daily News. Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell has already weighed in... [Click here to read more](#)

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